Historic, Archive Document

Do not assume content reflects current scientific knowledge, policies, or practices.



62,61

LIBRARY

** FEB 8 1928 **
U.S. Department of Agriculture.

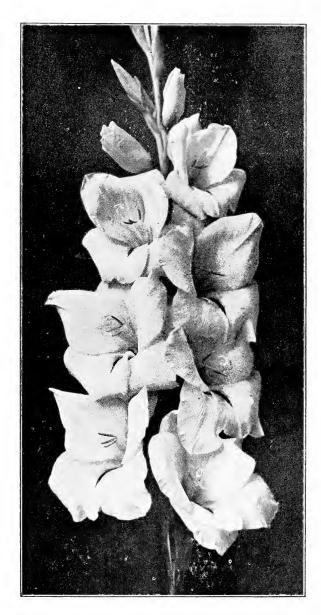
Gladiolus Bulbs & Irises

Season of **1928**

Grown In The Genesee Country

Gelser Brothers

Dalton, - - - New York



Mary Frey

INTRODUCTION

We have been interested in the growing and hybridization of the gladiolus for many years. Each year growing thousands of seedlings from hand pollinated crosses of the best varieties obtainable and selecting only a very few for further testing.

Located, as we are, in the GENESEE COUNTRY (The Valley of the Genesee), famous for over a hundred years for the quality of its agricultural products; our gladiolus bulbs are of a quality seldom attained elsewhere. Hundreds of customers, who depend upon us each year for their gladiolus bulbs, know of the high quality of our bulbs. To those, who have never grown our bulbs, we solicit a trial order and we know you will be pleased with the results.

We guarantee you will be pleased with all bulbs bought of us and we will replace with other bulbs or return all money sent us for stock which does not come up to your expectation.

Terms and Discounts

Remittance should accompany all orders.

We pay delivery charges to all points in the U.S. and Canada.

No substitution unless so ordered.

All bulbs guaranteed true to name and free from disease.

Orders under \$2 are net, no discount allowed.

Orders from \$2 to \$5, a discount of 5% will be allowed.

Orders from \$5 to \$15, a discount of 10% will be allowed.

Orders from \$15 to \$50, a discount of 15% will be allowed.

Orders over \$50, a discount of 20% will be allowed.

MARY FREY

The first Gladiolus to win the \$500 Trial Ground Challenge Trophy of the American Gladiolus Society.

Winner of Vaughan's Silver Medal for the best commercial seedling at the A. G. S. show in Rochester, 1925.

First prize winner in its color class, Rochester, 1926.

Mary Frey, our first introduction is a beautiful, lavender-pink with a ruby blotch on the lower petal; resembles a cattleya orchid in color and as beautiful.

Flowers are of large size, perfectly placed on a long, straight slender stem, with six to nine wide open florets of very lasting quality, open at a time. Blooms extra early, vigorous grower and very prolific.

It will be grown by the million as soon as stock is available.

The cut on inside of cover gives but a faint idea of the beauty of this variety.

A prominent grower of New England wrote us: "The one bulb (Mary Frey) which you sent me last spring, produced, without exception, the finest spike that I ever hope to see."

Large bulbs, \$15.00 each.

Half size bulbs, \$10.00 each.

Small bulbs, \$6.00 each.

No cormels for sale this year.

New Introductions For 1928

Oneco

Oneco Mallow purple with rhodamine purple blotch in throat. Good sized flowers, strong, healthy grower. Medium early. One of the best in its color. \$1.00

Primrose Queen

Primrose Queen Light primrose yellow, citron yellow throat. This is a very beautiful variety with many well ruffled flowers open at

Estrella

Estrella Coral red, cream throat feathered carmine. Three to four intensely ruffled flowers open at one time. Very early50

As the number of bulbs of the above varieties are very limited, we advise early orders. We will supply bulbs one inch and larger at prices quotd as long as they are available. No smaller sizes or bulblets for sale this year.

Gladiolus Bulbs

Standard and Rare Varieties

All bulbs are 11/4 inches and larger, the best flowering size.

One dozen bulbs of a variety at the price of ten.

Three bulbs at the dozen rate.

Two half size bulbs sold at the price of one large bulb.

One half size bulb of varieties priced 20c and more each will be sold at half the price of large bulbs.

A. B. Kunderd (K) Tall intensely ruffled flower of a delicate cream
color, overlaid with blush pink.
Adeline Kent (D) Delicate rose pink, heavily ruffled. Throat straw
color with ruby dashes.
Admiration (K) Extra fine tall plant. Pink shade with large light vio-
let rose throat
American Beauty (D) Brilliant American Beauty color. Throat creamy
yellow striped with ruby. One spike opening a large number of
flowers at a time.
Anna Eberius (D) Deep rhodamine purple, shading into deep bordeaux
center. This variety has created a sensation.
Anthony Zonker (K) Extra tall with five to seven large wide open flor
ets open at a time. Finest deep salmon rose with a deep red
blotch.
${\tt Battle\ Creek\ (K)\ Almost\ a\ self\ colored\ deep\ violet.} A\ little\ deeper$
in the throat. Good size and many open at a time.
Beatriz Michalena (D) Peach red, overlaid with fiery orange. Large
flowers with many open at once on a long spike. You will like
this one.
Bevier (K) Salmon colored flowers with soft cream throat
Blushing Beauty (K) Opening buds blush pink. Flowers soft blush
pink, many open. Pink throat lines. Good grower
Butterboy (K) A large pure butter-cup yellow primulinus. Nicely

placed on spike. Distinct and showy.
Byron L. Smith (K) Refined lavender pink on white ground.
Californiai Giant (D) Light mallow purple. Thin white line running
through center of each petal. Strong grower. Late. (No half
size bulbs).
Captain Boynton (Boynton) Lavender blue on white ground with pur
ple blotch on lower petal. Tall straight spike. Large flowers
One of the best,
Cardinal Prince (K) A magnificent self colored cardinal. Flowers large
and splendid form. Six to eight open at one time.
Carmen Sylva (Decorah) Pure white with lilac lines in throat. Tal
slender stem. A fine flower.
Caroline Esberg (D) Flame scarlet red. Fine crimson line through
center of lower petal
Brilliant ruby lip.
Catherine Coleman (Coleman) Clear salmon rose with purple lines of
lower petals. Tall strong grower and very beautiful.
Chalice Flower (K) Flowers large and plenty open. Color light cream
blush white of pleasing effect. Very artistic and beautiful
Charm (K) Pure deep rose pink. A large and wonderful flower o
beautiful shades. A perfect blotch of deep red on the lower per
als.
Don Juan (K) Very large strong plant with extra fine salmon rose flow
ers, beautifully flaked blue. Ruffled and plenty open. One of th
best. Dr. Adolph Rosenthal (D) Real geranium pink overlaid with scarlet
White stripes through lower petals. Exquisite variety
Dr. Elkins (K) Large and showy flower. White with a large lilac blu
throat blotch. You will be pleased with this one.
Dr. F. E. Bennett (D) Deep peach red, overlaid with scarlet. Many
open at once on long straight spike. A prize winner.
Dr. J. H. Neeley (K) Very large flower. White blushed pink. Throat
cream white. Very tall straight spike.

Dr. Nelson Shook (K) A giant in plant and flower. Color deep tyrian
rose. An extra fine variety.
Dr. W. VanFleet (K) Extra early and tall. A magnificent shade of
delicate rose pink, deeper at the edges of petals. Throat of soft-
est canary yellow.
E. G. Hill (K) Large showy flower of finest salmon rose with a large
cream throat. Good grower and very beautiful.
Eldiva (D) Cerise with lighter stripe running through the center. Pen-
cilled with crimson. Long spikes.
Elizabeth Hardee (D) Watermelon pink with nopal red stripes and
blotches. Ruby lip with cream white stripes. An attractive va-
riety
Elizabeth Tabor (Hinkle) Pink with carmin blotch. Very good early
commercial variety.
Elkhart (K) Violet purple with deeper colored throat blotch. A dis-
tinct and beautiful flower.
Else Rose (D) Light mallow pink overlaid with light ruby. Creamy
yellow throat. Orchid flowering.
Emile Aubrun (Lemoine) Coppery bronze, sometimes overlaid with
slate. Large cherry red blotch. Very many large well placed
flowers open at a time. One of the best of the new varieties,
Etendard (Lemoine) Cream white with a brilliant red blotch in the cen-
ter. Very attractive.
Fair Columbian (K) Tall plant with large showy lilac pink flowers
Fairfax (D) Solid magenta. Lower petals deep ruby circled with cream
Fay Lanphiere (Williams) Coral with cerise blending. Beautiful large
open flowers.
Frank J. Symmes (D) Heavily ruffled peach red with the three lower
petals shading into flame color.
Giant Myrtle (K) Much larger showier pink than Myrtle. Very beaut-
iful when well grown.
Giant Nymph (Coleman) Tall light pink with creamy yellow throat.
Long spikes and flowers well arranged on the stem.
Gold Drop (K) A pure deep yellow primulinus with red lines on the petals. Ruffled.
poems. mande

Gold Eagle (Austin) The first to bloom in our garden this year. Clear
deep yellow. Slightly ruffled and of very good substance
Golden Dream (Groff) Another fine deep yellow later than Gold Eagle.
Tall plant with many distinct and beautiful flowers open at a
time. Will be very popular for years to come.
Golden Gleam (K) Large open primulinus of a lighter shade than Alice
Tidlady. More orange color.
Golden Measure (Kelway) Large fine yellow, very tall and several flow-
ers open at a time. The best yellow at a low price.
Geraldine Farrar (D) Pale lavender violet with deep violet spot on lip.
Stronger grower than most blues.
Hawaii (D) Rose pink fading into lighter center. Lower petals crim-
son outlined with white. Good spike with large flowers.
Henry Ford (D) Dark rhodamine purple; color very similiar to Anna
Eberius, but it clearer and not flanked as much. Opposite flow-
ered
Ina Collins (D) Tyrian pink striped and spotted with cerise and deep
lilac. Lip primrose edged with light ruby.
Indian Summer (K) A very large light lavender. Spike and plant
strong and massive. Very late.
Immensity (K) Bright salmon color. Very large flowers and many
open at a time.
J. A. Carbone (D) Orange salmon, very iridescent, darker shading
toward the outer edge of the petals. Yellow center. Short spike
but nearly all open at once.
Jack London (D) Light salmon with vermillion stripes. Canary yellow
throat with ruby stripes. A good cut flower variety.
Jacoba VanBieren (H) Light purple self color. Well placed on a tall
spike. Very distinct and fine.
Jap Lady (Decorah) Bishop purple, velvety blackish purple blotch in
throat. A wonderful color. No other just like it.
J. D. Oliver (K) Flowers a pleasing lavender rose. Many good size
flowers open at a time. Plant and spike of large size. Distinct
and outstanding.
Jean DuTailles (Lemoine) A very beautiful French variety. Deep sal-
mon flaked deeper. Maroon blotch.

Jenny Lind (Decorah) Pure soft apricot pink. Throat pale yellow
John Pirie (K) Mahogany brown, yellow bordered dark brown throat.
Very odd color combination. In a class by itself.
Joseph Fields (D) Dawn pink, slightly striped mallow pink. Fine long
well built spike. Flowers very large. First class show variety
Katherine F. Hess (D) Geranium pink with flame shading, lighter
toward center. Large flowers and long spike.
Kirchhoff's Violet (Kirchhoff) One of the best dark violet blues. Good
grower and very early.
Kunderd's Apple Blossom (K) Apple blossom color. Tall fine plant and
spike. Refined and beautiful. Well ruffled.
Lacinatus (K) The new lacinated type with lacinated petals. Color
a beautiful shade of old rose. Small flowers. Valuable for hy-
bridizing.
La Couronne (Lemoine) Creamy yellow. Blotched and stippled bril-
liant scarlet. Very early,
Lilac Glory (K) Many large ruffled flowers of a soft lilac rose pink.
Beautiful deeper lilac rose throat.
Lilac Old Rose (K) Strong plant of lilac old rose color. Four to five
flowers open. A beautiful primulinus.
Lilac Unique (K) Deep lilac; deeper throat: Large flowers
Los Angeles (Houdyshell) Delicate pink with cerise feather in throat
$\textbf{Madison Cooper} \ (K) \ \ \text{Beautiful flowers of a fine violet maroon or dark}$
garnet red. A distinct shade of dark red
Margaret Lewtas (S) American Beauty rose pink. Canadian prize win-
ner.
Marie Kunderd (K) A beautiful ruffled early white, with faint pink lines
in center of lower petals. One of the best early whites
Marietta (Metzner) Fine tall spikes. Large blooms of a distinct sal-
mon shade, tinted orange. Large harmonious burnt orange blotch.
Very beautiful.
Mary Pickford (K) Cream white, throat of finest sulphur yellow
Mimi Stahlbaum (D) Creamy white, tinged with pale orchid. Lip yel-
low with small ruby spots.
Ming Toy (K) Showy deep buff; yellow throat. Distinct and a very fine
primulinus.

Miss Madison (Boynton) Clear bright pink overlaid on white. Rather
short spike, but when well grown is very beautiful.
Miss Maud Fay (D) Pale amaranth with a light stripe through the cen-
ter of each petal, edges shading into tyrian pink. Flowers are
very open and large
$\mbox{\bf Miss Spokane}\ (K)$ Giant plant and strong power. Large flowers of or-
ange salmon. Six to seven open at a time. A good commercial
variety.
$\label{eq:mona_lisa} \textbf{Mona Lisa} \ \ (K) \ \ Strong \ plant \ of \ palest \ soft \ rose \ pink \ or \ blushed \ white.$
Almost a pure self color. Well ruffled.
Mme. Mounet Sully (Lemoine) A beautiful French variety. Milk white
with a brilliant blotch of carmine in the throat. Large flowers,
well placed.
Mr. H. A. Hyde (D) Snow white with trace of blush pink. Well built
spikes. One of the best.
Mr. W. H. Phipps (D) LaFrance pink overlaid with light rose salmon.
Lower petals faintly speckled with ruby. Many blooms open at a
time. A masterpiece.
Mrs. F. C. Hornberger (Hornberger) A very beautiful pure white with-
out markings. Tall grower with several large blossoms open.
Winner of several prizes.
Mrs. F. C. Peters (F) Wonderful lavender pink with darker blotch.
Many open. Late.
Mrs. H. E. Bothin (D) Light geranium pink; heavily ruffled. Flame
scarlet center. Strong well built spike. One of the loveliest
combinations of colors.
Mrs. H. W. Whitcomb (F) Very large deep salmon rose. Several open at a time.
Mrs. J. K. Armsby (D) Coral pink penciled with vermilion near the
edges. Throat cream, speckled with ruby. Flowers large with
many open.
Mrs. John R. Walsh (D) Heavily ruffled flesh pink The three lower
petals flame color, shading into dark ruby. A magnificent variety
that should be in every collection.
Mrs. Kr. Prestgard (Decorah) Pure white with faint flesh markings,
deep in throat Blooms of good substance, many open.

$\label{eq:mrs.} Mrs. Leon Douglas (D) An immense salmon rose pink, striped with the salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink and the salmon rose pink is a salmon rose pink $	tlı
scarlet. The tallest gladiolus and largest flower.	
Mrs. L. S. Schweppe (K) Beautiful deep peach blossom pink with ro	se
red blotches. Several medium sized flowers open at a time	
Mrs. Richard Lohrman (D) Creamy shell pink with pale yellow li	p.
Flowers are large and edges heavily ruffled. A beautiful variet	
Mrs. Rudolph Spreckels (D) Light shrimp pink wih bright rose stripe	
Lip has apricot shadings with ruby spot. Long full spikes	
Mrs. Willard Richardson (D) Deep crimson; maroon center. Larg	
flaring blossoms. A very beautiful red that does not fade	
Muriel (Pfitzer) Large pale violet blue with darker blotch in the	
throat. A very beautiful variety.	
Nautilus (Coleman) Charming shell pink. Very beautiful.	
Opalescent (Bill) Large pale lavender with darker lines in the throa	
Very strong grower.	
Orange Flame (K) Glowing vermilion orange red. Large blooms, ma	
nificently ruffleld. Beautiful variety.	
Orange Queen (H) A very good orange yellow primulinus with orange	ge
red lines in the throat. Five to six open at a time.	
Papilio (D) Shrimp pink and apricot. Lip lemon yellow, speckled wi	th
ruby. Large flowers on a long straight spike.	
$\textbf{Paramount} \ (K) \ A \ wonderful \ blending \ of \ pink \ and \ cream. \ Los$	ıg
straight spike with many well placed flowers open at a time. Or	ıe
of the most beautiful varieties	
$\textbf{Peach Rose} \ \ (K) \ \ Distinct \ deep \ rose \ pink \ of \ remarkable \ color \ and \ appears \ \ appears \ \ (K)$	11'-
ance. Winner of many awards,	
Peep O' Day (K) Tall beautiful blushed pink on white ground. Lor	ıg.
feather barred throat.	
Pink Cloud (K) A large showy ruffled variety. Six to eight soft ros	se
pink blossoms open at a time. A very beautiful deeper rose pin	ık
throat. One of the best pinks.	
Pink Wonder (Kemp) Very large light pink, slight rose feathering	
the throat.	
Pola Negri (D) Apricot with yellow lip, shading into old rose and sa	
mon on outer edges. Lovely color combination,	

Pride of Wanakah (Chriswell) Rich lavender-rose, shading much deep-
er in the throat. A good strong grower. One of the most beaut-
iful varieties in this color. You will like it,
Primunella (K) A beautiful ruffled primulinus. Buff, suffused peach
red, lower petals pinard yellow.
Purple Glory (K) Deepest maroon red with dark blotch. Beautifully
ruffled. One of the very best.
Queen of the Night (D) Deep maroon, almost black. Flowers very large
and open. Well placed on the spike. The best of the very dark ones.
Red Emperor (Groff) A pure deep scarlet. Very large flowers. Extra
fine.
Red Fire (K) Entire flower of richest pure self colored bright red.
Very striking and showy.
Richard Diener (D) Pure geranium pink with a slight sprinkling of
ruby on a creamy yellow center. Large flaring blossoms. The
acme of perfection in coloring.
Rose (K) Large showy flowers of a pure deep rose pink with large
beautiful deep red throat blotches.
Rose Ashe (D) Corinthian red shading into ashes of roses. Lower pet-
als light yellow sprinkled with ruby. Flowers large and well
placed.
$\textbf{Rose Mist} \ (Fisher) \ \ Old \ rose \ with \ faint \ buff \ suffusion. \ \ Five \ or \ six \ well$
placed blooms open. Straight slender stems. A very beautiful
primulinus.
Ruffled Beauty (K) Deep American Beauty violet. Very large strongly
ruffled flowers. A very showy variety
Ruth Huntington (K) Beautiful violet lilac with deeper violet markings
on lower petals. Strong grower, ruffled and very beautiful.
Salome Jane (D) Geranium pink. Lower petals scarlet, spotted with
deep ruby. Flowers very large and beautiful.
Sausalito (D) Rose pink overlaid with bright geranium pink. Magenta
throat, speckled with white. Ruffled.
Scarlano (K) Bright orange red. Fine spike and flower. Finely ruf-
fled.

Seabrook Gem (R) Large light rose lavender, wine colored featherin
in the throat. Tall wiry spike and wide open flowers perfectly
placed.
Sierra (D) Cream, speckled and striped with rose lilac, yellow and rub
lip. Flowers large and well ruffled.
Sir Roger Casement (D) Ox-blood red. Dark maroon stripe throug
center of lip. Tall grower and very heavily ruffleld.
Show Flower (K) All petals a fine shade of rose red, with immens
white face mottled deeper in the throat. Violet and white up
per throat. Odd
Snow Glory (K) Pure white with slight iris blue lines on lower petals
One of the best white ruffled varieties.
St. Thomas (K) Large deep salmon rose with deep purplish blotch
Sulphur Frills (K) Heavily ruffled soft sulphur yellow. Tall plant wit
perfectly placed flowers.
Sweet Lavender (Coleman) Very early light lavender with darke
blotch.
Sweet Rose (K) Very massive flowers on tall strong plant. Pures
deep rose pink with extra large beautiful red throat.
Taro (K) Large flowers of American Beauty rose color. This is
very beautiful variety and should be in every collection
Tamalpais (D) Salmon orange with flame orange stripes. Flower
large and beautiful. Long slender spike.
Thomas A. Edison (D) Clear begonia rose. Large deep blood red spot
on lower petals. Flowers very large and fine.
Treasure (K) Tall plant, round, wide open flowers of soft salmon ros
pink, flaked deeper, blended lighter in the throat. Distinct an
beautiful.
Twilight (K) Beautiful blushed creamy buff with throat of grandes
yellow and pink. Well ruffled and very fine
Tycko Zang (Austin) Large salmon pink. White throat faintly dotte cerise. Large spike and foliage. Strong grower.
Uhlan Chief (K) Flowers of most intense brilliant vermilion scarle
Lower petals deeper color with beautiful dark feather. A mag
nificent red.

Victoria Fredericks (D) Eosine pink, overlaid with flame orange. Yel-	
low lip with ruby spots. Very early and many open. A beautiful	
pink.	.20
Virginia M. Fisher (D) Deep rose pink with deep orange spots on outer	
petals. Blood red spot on lower petal. A beauty.	.20
Virginia Hale (K) Beautiful soft creamy rose, deeper toward border	
of all petals. Very beautiful.	.10
Watermelon (K) Watermelon color. Tall fine plant, large flowers, per-	
fect form.	.35
William Kent (D) Creamy shell pink with golden ochre center. Flow-	
ers large. Considered by many the best ruffled gladiolus yet pro-	
duced.	.60
Yellow Favorite (K) Fine yellow primulinus with pink lines in the	
throat.	.15
Yosemite (D) Geranium red, shading into rose doree. Light stripe	
through the center of each petal. Lip pale lemon yellow. Flow-	
ers large and open.	.40
Letter in () after name of gladiolus indicates originator. (K) Kund	lerd



(D) Diener, (A) Austin, (C) Coleman, (L) Lemoine.

Gladiolus Mixtures

Collection A

Collection B

40 bulbs,, all different varieties, not separately labeled. \$2.00

DeLuxe Mixture

50c per dozen

\$3.00 per 100

This mixture contains many of the best varieties and is made up largely of the varieties listed in this catalog. Many new and high priced varieties, which we are testing and do not care to grow another year are added to this mixture. If you do not have a large number of the new varieties, we know the above collections and mixture will please you. One of our customers, who purchased one of the above collections, wrote us after they came in bloom: "I have spent hundreds of dollars for gladiolus bulbs, but never before received as much for my money."

Tall Bearded Irises

Amas. Standards of iridescent blue; falls violet. Large flowers,
Aurea. Clear crome yellow both standards and falls.
Archeveque. Standards violet; falls deep violet purple. Fine color
Caprice. Rosy red purple. A good grower.
Firmament. Large blooms of two shades of lavender blue. Very early
and fine.
Geo. W. Peake. Standards yellow, shaded crimson bronze; falls maroon
red
Glory of Hillegon. Standards and falls clear light blue.
Helge. Dull yellow, early.
Iris King. Old rose maroon.
Innocenza. A good white, medium size.
Kathleen. Soft rose lilac.
Kochii. Deep claret purple, very early.
Lent A. Williamson. Standards lavender violet; falls violet purple.
Very large flowers. One of the best.
Lewis Trowbridge. Violet and rose.
Lohengrin, Silvery pink-mauve.
Mauvine. Mauve, falls darker.
$\mbox{{\bf Madam Chereau.}}\mbox{ White, frilled and edged with lavender. Very fine}$
Monsignor. Rich satiny violet; falls purple crimson.
Oriflame. Light blue; falls rich violet blue.
Prosper Laugier. Bronze red; falls ruby purple.
Quaker Lady. Smoky lavender: falls blue and old gold. Very fine,
Tamerlan. Lavender; falls violet purple.
Violacea. Deep lavender. Late.
Windham. Lavender pink.
White Knight. Pure white.
Fairy. White; delicately suffused soft blue
Mother of Pearl. Pale bluish lavender of exceptional substance and
toxture



\$500 Trial Ground Challenge Trophy of the American Gladiolus Society.

The most valuable trophy ever offered for competition by the American Gladiolus Society.

Awarded to Mary Frey gladiolus 1926

